

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture Department – Crop Holiday – Constitution of State Level Committee to study the problems of farmers in Crop Holiday declared Districts/Mandals – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (FP.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.934

Dated:12.08.2011.

Read the following:

- 1) From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyd.,
Letter No. CC/C&DA./Peshi/2011, dated 4/8/2011.
- 2) From the District Collector, East Godavari District
Letter No.D4/3149/2011, dated 01.08.2011.

ORDER:

The Paddy Farmers of 13 mandals of East Godavari District have decided to observe Crop Holiday during Kharif 2011. Long known to be the rice bowl of Andhra Pradesh, these mandals have a total cultivable area of 43,087 Ha. Area Sown is 7,588 Ha and Area left fallow is 35,499 Ha., during Kharif 2011.

2. The District Collector, East Godavari District in the reference second read above has reported that certain District Officers were nominated as Special Officers for each of the Mandal to conduct meetings with the Ryots and efforts are being made to motivate them for alternative crops keeping in view of heavy rain fall that may be occurred during August, September and October months.

3. The District Collector, East Godavari District has also requested the Government to depute a State Level Committee including technical persons in the Committee to visit the areas, apprise the Farming Community and to submit a detailed report to the Government, so as to take immediate decision in the matter in the present situation.

4. Government after careful consideration, hereby appoint the following Committee to study the situation and suggest suitable ameliorative measures:-

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| 1) Dr. Mohan Kanda, IAS (Retd.) | | Chairman |
| 2) Dr. M.V. Rao, M L C
(former Vice Chancellor,
ANGRAU) | | Vice Chairman |
| 3) Dr. K. Pratap Reddy
(former Director,IRMA, Anand,
Gujarat) | | Member |
| 4) Dr. R. Sudhakara Rao
Director of Research/ANGRAU | | Member |
| 5) Sri K. Sudhir
Chief Engineer, I& CAD, Godavari
Delta, Dhowleshwaram | | Member |
| 6) Smt. V. Usha Rani, IAS
Commissioner for Agriculture. | ... | Member Secretary |

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TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. To identify the circumstances that led to the declaration of crop holiday by the farmers.
2. To propose measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents.
3. To suggest suitable modifications to the cropping schedule in Konaseema region so that the risks of weather and market are minimized.
4. To suggest methods of increasing water use efficiency in Godavari Delta. This is to be achieved both irrigation and drainage canal system.
5. To suggest methods of improving the profitability of paddy crop.
5. The Committee is requested to submit their report within 4 weeks.
6. The Non-Official Members of the Committee are allowed all the perquisites and courtesies that are due to such committees.
7. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad is requested to liaison with all the relevant Departments of Government and Agencies to advise them to render requisite assistance as and when called upon by the above Committee.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**S.V. PRASAD
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
All the Members of the Committee.
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad.

Copy to:
All the Departments concerned.
The Addl. Secretary to Chief Minister.
The P.S. to Dy.Chief Minister.
P.S. to Prl. Secretary to Govt.(Agri.)
SF/SCs.

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